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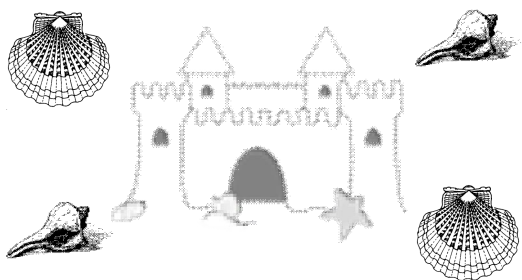
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Spotlight: eBooks

The Trial Court Law Libraries offer a variety of Massachusetts court rules, guidelines, jury instructions and standing orders in eBooks. An eBook is an electronic version of a printed book that can be downloaded to a computer or mobile device for use at a later time. That means you can download to your "smart phone" or tablet to have at your side in the courtroom, at home or in your office without using precious data or needing an Internet connection. You will find a list of all of the titles we offer along with instructions for downloading at <http://lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/rules/ebooks.html>. You can even sign up to receive update notifications. If you are unsure how to get started, stop in at the Worcester Law Library. Library staff are happy to help.



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Massachusetts Courts Launch New Website

Earlier this Spring, we saw the unveiling of a new and improved website for the Massachusetts Court System. The new site is chock-full of useful information including a courthouse locator, form finder and fee schedules. The self help pages provide handy checklists of forms required to be filed in guardianships, administration of estates, and appeals. The website is at www.mass.gov/courts.

Be a Sponsor of the Annual Honorable Daniel F. Toomey Lecture

The Honorable Daniel F. Toomey Memorial Lecture Series honors the memory of Superior Court Judge Daniel F. Toomey, a distinguished attorney, jurist, legal scholar, writer, and friend. Now entering our fifth year, the Toomey Lecture Series will welcome The Honorable Michael A. Posnor, United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts in October.

To support The Honorable Daniel F. Toomey Memorial Lecture Series, you may make a tax-deductible donation to:

Worcester County Law Library Trust
c/o Mark I. Zarrow, Esq.
Lian, Zarrow, Enyon, Shea and Spofford
34 Mechanic Street
Worcester, MA 01608

Please make checks payable to the Worcester County Law Library Trust and direct your donation to the cause by writing "Toomey Fund" on the "for" line.



How to Dispose of Used Law Books

Nobody *likes* to throw books away. Often, though, we receive calls from attorneys and schools looking to donate their libraries because they are retiring or turning to online resources and they don't want to add to the overflowing landfills. These offers are generally turned down because of space limitations.

If you are interested in selling your books and have some time on your hands to list the titles, you can try one of these websites:

www.craigslist.com
www.alibris.com
www.abebooks.com
www.ebay.com
www.lawbookexchange.com

If you aren't looking to sell, there are quite a few alternatives. Some of the repurposing ideas below may even qualify for a charitable tax deduction:

- Donate to your local public library's friends book sale
- Seek out local restaurants needing to enhance their atmosphere
- Offer to local television stations and theater groups for use in stage set design
- Inquire with home/office furniture stores, antique stores and interior designers
- Utilize a book repurposing service such as Better World Books (www.betterworldbooks.com)
- Find a recycling network such as Freecycle (www.freecycle.org)

Finally, if you have a bit of creative talent, you might find some artistic projects in which you can utilize you old law books. How about a coffee table or lamp made out of Mass. Reports? A quick bit of Googling came up with some really nifty craft ideas for old books ranging from vintage vases and coffee tables to handbags and holiday trees.

Law Practice Management And Marketing Resources

It is often difficult for the busy lawyer to attend as many CLE programs as he or she would like. Most have to judiciously select those programs most useful to their practice. In speaking with some of our library users, law practice management is often overlooked in favor of substantive law sessions. The Worcester Law Library has a comprehensive collection of titles to help you better manage and market your law practice. Here's a sampling of the collection:

- ABA's "In One Hour" Series:
 - Adobe Acrobat, 2014
 - Blogging, 2012
 - Facebook, 2012
 - Gmail and Google Calendar, 2013
 - iPad, 2014
 - Twitter, 2012
- Attorney and Law Firm Guide to the Practice of Law, ABA, 2014.
- Building Your Practice With Limited Assistance Representation (LAR), MCLE, 2013.
- The Fulfilled Lawyer, ABA, 2014
- Hanging Your Shingle, MCLE, 2014.
- How to Build and Manage a Personal Injury Practice, ABA, 2012.
- How to Manage Your Law Office, Matthew Bender, 2013.
- Jumpstarting Your Practice, Suffolk, 2013
- Lawyers Guide to Creating a Business Plan, ABA, 2012.
- Minding Your Own Business: The Solo and Small Law Firm Lawyer's Guide to a Profitable Practice, ABA, 2010.
- The Paperless Law Office, ABA, 2012.
- Through the Client's Eyes: New Approaches to Get Clients to Hire You Again and Again, ABA, 2008.

And always know that if we don't have it, we will do our best to get it for you!

Stump the Staff

Q: How do I find where The Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended up in the United States Code?

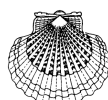
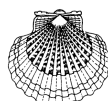
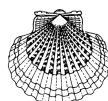
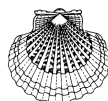
A: Before the Internet, we needed to use a number of cross-tables located in the annotated versions of the United States Code (USCS or USCA) to answer this question. It would often take ten or fifteen minutes with a number of volumes to find our way to the law. Now, the fastest answer is LMGTFY (Let Me Google That For You). A quick Google search generally leads us to the proper citation so we can then go to the books or access electronically on Westlaw or Lexis. Don't forget to look for the most authoritative website you can find for your preliminary search. Usually a ".gov", ".edu" or ".org" will give you the best information.



Looking for Guest Columnists

We are still on the lookout for local attorneys who want to share their expertise with the greater legal community. Let us know if you are interested in writing an article for our newsletter. We don't pay royalties but we guarantee to give you a by-line!

New and Noteworthy



- Advocacy Under the New Alimony Reform Legislation, MCLE, 2014.
- Anatomy of a Trial, 2nd ed., ABA, 2014. **New Edition**
- Attorney and Law Firm Guide to the Business of Law, ABA, 2014.
- Bankruptcy Practice in Massachusetts, MCLE, 2014.
- The Child's Voice, MCLE, 2014.
- Collaborative Law, MCLE, 2014.
- Counseling Unmarried Couples, ABA, 2014.
- Crafting More Effective Motions to Suppress Evidence, Audio CD, 2013.
- Elder Law Sourcebook and Citator, MCLE, 2014.
- DSM-5 Guidebook, Am. Psychiatric Pub., 2014.
- Elder Law Institute: Accessing Services for Clients with Disabilities, Suffolk, 2014.
- How to Try Your "1st" (or next) Housing Court Case, Audio CD, MCLE, 2013.
- Lawyer Disqualification, Banks & Jordan, 2014.
- Massachusetts Civil Trial Practice, Lexis, 2014.
- Massachusetts E-discovery & Evidence, MCLE, 2014. **New Edition**
- Massachusetts Guide to Evidence, Flaschner Judicial Institute, 2014.
- NCLC Guide to Surviving Debt, NCLC, 2013.
- New Developments in Search and Seizure Law, Suffolk, 2014. **New Edition**
- Post-conviction Relief & Appellate Advocacy, Audio CD, 2013.
- A Practical Guide to Massachusetts Limited Liability Companies, MCLE, 2014. New Ed.
- Premarital, Marital & Separation Agreements, MCLE, 2014. **New Edition**
- Protecting and Enforcing Copyright, MCLE, 2014. New Ed
- The Science of Persuasion: a Litigator's Guide to Juror Decision-making, ABA, 2014. **New Edition**
- Testamentary Capacity, Undue Influence and Validity of Wills, BNA, 2014.
- You Raised Us—Now Work With Us, ABA, 2014.